

Rainier Beach Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

May 4, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
The Brighton (6727 Rainier Ave. S.)

Attendees

NAC Members:

Cheryl dos-Remedios, Christie Coxley, David Sauvion, Harry Hoffman, Katy Curtis, Margaret Yellowwolf, Matt Kozleski, Robert West "Trey"

Public Members:**City Staff:**

Nora Liu (DPD), Sebat Tenna (DON), David Goldberg (DPD)

Agenda review

- The draft agenda was approved.

April 20, 2011 Summary Notes

- Summary notes from April 20, 2011 meeting were approved subject to corrections of misspelled names: Katy, Rosenberg, and Beer Sheva.

Absences:

- NAC members agreed not to count the added meeting date of May 4, 2011 as regular meeting date when considering member absences.

Review and provide Guidance on Draft Documents

Review and provide Guidance on Initial Strategies

- Matt Arakaki, UW Evans' School; intern, provided summary review of UW students' projects related to economic development that might relate to Rainier Beach neighborhood.
- David provided an updated version of the Key Issues in Phase I.
- NAC members did break into two groups to discuss the draft document of preliminary strategy as presented by David.
- Report back on Community character include:
 - Multicultural community center
 - Multicultural businesses too; e.g., Phinney Neighborhood Assoc. that has services
 - Rainier Beach Comm. Empowerment Coalition (RBCEC) – yes!!
 - Activism positive aspect – 'Linkages?'
 - Increase in aesthetics (community beautification) results in 72% increase in activity and 20% in bike lane
 - Neighborhood design guidelines that addresses longevity– treat buildings as community members
- Report back on hierarchy of neighborhood business districts include:

- Town Center:
 - Farmers market
 - Schools own quality land
 - SW corner of Rainier and Henderson (Bank of America)
- Business
 - No nuisance business centers
 - Have more than fair share
 - Yes to hardware store such as ACE
 - Add grocery store at Light Rail Station
 - Increase zoning (65+) at Light Rail Station – with cable to Kubota; car or zipline!!
- Youth
 - Early learning
 - After school programs
 - Harlem children's zone
- Housing
 - Rethinking 57th and Rainier
- Transportation
 - East-west connections
 - Bus layover – hot spots
 - Move bus layover out of town center
 - Bike lane at Seward Park and kline Galland to Rainier

Agenda Setting

- Office of Economic Development (OED) staff will discuss economic development strategies at the next NAC meeting.
- Phase II community meeting will be on Tuesday, June 28th, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the South Shore K-8 School.

Wrap-up

- Review pending items on action items page and follow up by communicating online.
- Next NAC meeting is on the third Wednesday, May 18th back at the Southeast Seattle Senior Center.